

**Association of Contingency Planners
AZCOP**

Central Arizona Chapter

Membership Information

WHAT IS ACP?

The **Association of Contingency Planners (ACP)** is a non-profit association the purpose of which is primarily to provide a network through which professionals can exchange information, share ideas, and find help concerning contingency planning/disaster recovery issues and problems.

NATIONAL LEVEL:

From the National Level, you will have an opportunity to attend National Symposiums offered by ACP at an affordable rate to members. This gives ACP members an opportunity to network with members from across the country, receive quality professional development training, and the ability to enjoy a first-rate conference at about one-fourth the cost of similar National Symposia.

In addition to the above, more value is added through the national newsletter **AThe ACP Sentinel.** This newsletter, which comes out on a regular and timely basis, is full of professional articles and items of interest to all members.

With regard to professional development, education and certification, **National ACP** has several initiatives under way:

- X Expand ACP member discounts to certain national symposia
- X Expand opportunities for in-depth education available from colleges and universities across the country.
- X Develop a true distance learning program (for university credit) which is both affordable and accessible.
- X Explore the possibility of ACP member discounts for professional certification training

As a result of the public and the private sector trying to find ways to help each other, ACP now has agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Red Cross enabling ACP to align planning and expertise with response and disaster services.

LOCAL CHAPTER:

On a local basis, our Central Arizona Chapter **meets from 9:00 am to 11:00 am the first Thursday of each month.** As a networking tool, membership in this local chapter offers unequalled opportunities to meet with and work hand-in-hand with local business and government contingency planners, as well as

attend very well planned and informative meetings. A chapter newsletter is send out monthly.

PAST MEETINGS:

In recent months AZCOP members have had the opportunity to:

- X Attend a meeting at the **Maricopa County Emergency Operations Center**
- X Attend a presentation on **AEI Nino** by the National Weather Service
- X Participate in a live **AMock Disaster Exercise** presented by Bank of America
- X Attend a tour of the **Palo Verde Nuclear Power Station** especially arranged for AZCOP members
- X Attend a tour of the Comdisco Business Recovery Facility

MEMBERSHIP:

Uses of funds: A set portion of chapter membership dues are retained for Corporate use with the remainder being rebated to the chapter for use on behalf of its members.

Code of Ethics: All applications for membership in the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) must be accompanied by a signed ACP Code of Ethics agreement form.

Corporate Officers: ACP Corporate Officers are elected by the entire ACP membership. To become a candidate for ACP Corporate office, each individual must be an ACP member in good standing and is or has been an ACP Chapter Officer.

To become a member of the **Central Arizona Chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners** (known as **AZCOP**):

- X Complete (and sign) the enclosed Membership Application and Code of Ethics.
- X Enclose an **\$80.00** check payable to the **Association of Contingency Planners (ACP)**. The National ACP will receive \$50.00 and the Central Arizona Chapter (AZCOP) will receive \$30.00. Dues are good for 12 months from the date paid.
- X **Mail the Membership Application, Code of Ethics and check to:**

Arizona Public Service
Jim Groark
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Phoenix, AZ 85072-3933

Should you have questions, please feel free to call Jim at: 602-371-6466
or email him at : Jim-groark@apsc.com.